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By now you will all be aware of the fact that we must all exercise care in the amount of water we use in the coming months.

The driest season for 81 years has presented us all with a challenge and if we only use the amount of water we really need each day we will be able to manage without tiresome official restrictions.

The storage capacity of water available to the metropolitan area is just over 36,000 million gallons. These pictures of the Millbrook reservoir were taken a year ago when the amount of water was still below the possible capacity.

Even so, it was estimated by responsible engineers that there was a nine in ten year probability of an adequate flow from winter rains to boost the reservoirs to a safe level. This was reinforced by a decision to commence pumping River Murray water in June. This was in complete conformity with assumptions

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made in previous years and the pumping programme devised, which followed continuous pumping from the previous summer, was for two pumps during off-peak hours with an extension to fullscale pumping in August.

However, the season remained unusually dry and levels fell, as shown in these pictures of Millbrook taken on Monday. Therefore, it was decided to go to fullscale pumping from 14th July.

The Government's campaign to remind everyone of the need to be careful with water has commenced and last Sunday's consumption, in spite of quite high temperatures, showed that you, the public, are co-operating.

Your children will be hearing of the water situation through their schools and through the Water Watchers campaign which is being conducted by all radio and television stations, commercial as well as national.

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The water consumption on a peak day has reached as high as 305 gallons a head for every man, woman and child in South Australia.

Of this 305 gallons, around 200 gallons has gone on gardens. Obviously we cannot afford such high figures this year and the experts say that, generally, we use more water than is strictly necessary for our gardens.

So gardening and car washing are two ways in which we can make significant savings. However, the apparently small things count as well and, as "The Advertiser" pointed out the other day, a dripping tap can waste eight gallons a day. Now the total household requirements a day only average about ten gallons a head throughout the year, so one dripping tap is almost the equivalent of having one extra member in the family.

The Engineering and Water Supply Department is aware of this wastage and, in order to combat

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it, has set up an emergency service to provide free replacement of washers in leaking taps. The service will be available to householders and small commercial premises throughout the metropolitan area. This ranges from Smithfield in the north to Myponga.

This free service will be restricted to the replacement of washers, but the servicemen will be able to give advice to consumers on other water supply matters within their properties.

The servicemen will be qualified tradesmen and will present this Authority Card to show that they are employees of the Engineering and Water Supply Department with authority to represent the Department.

All you have to do to obtain this free service is to ring 23-4622 and give details such as name, address and number of leaking taps, and some idea of how badly they are leaking.

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The Department will co-operate fully in supplying this free service and your continuing co-operation in watching the usage of water is needed to avoid official restrictions.

This shortage of water is a natural climatic hazard we have to face from time to time. It is quite unavoidable and with the full co-operation of everyone we will be able to survive a reasonable summer without very much inconvenience.

REMEMBER : Use the water you need. Don't waste it.

GOOD NIGHT.